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**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION APPLICATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)**

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of prior pending application number 08/972,159 filed on November 17, 1997 entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ELECTRONICALLY IDENTIFYING CONNECTIONS OF A CROSS-CONNECT SYSTEM by the following inventors:

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1. ☐ Enclosed is a copy of the prior patent application containing \_\_ pages of specification, pages of claims and \_\_\_\_ sheet(s) of drawings, 1 page(s) of abstract. Also enclosed are copies of the Declaration and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application. (It is noted that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.)
- ☐ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- ☒ Enclosed is a new specification (containing 65 pages of specification, 9 pages of claims, 31 sheets of drawings, and 1 page of abstract). The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference.
2. ☒ Cancel original claims 1-13 of this application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
3. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the prior application.
4. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the next number after the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
5. ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph after the title:  
  

This application is a continuation of application serial number \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

The application is incorporated herein by reference.
5. ☐ Small entity status
  - a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.
  - b. ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior non provisional application.
  - c. ☐ is no longer claimed.

The filing fee is calculated below

CLAIMS				
	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Fee
<b>Total Claims</b>	32	12	X \$18.00	\$ 216.00
<b>Indep. Claims</b>	2		X \$84.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Multiply Dependent Claims</b>				\$ 0.00
<b>Basic Fee</b>				\$ 740.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				\$ 956.00

6. ☒ Payment of fees
  - ☒ A check in the amount of \$956.00 is enclosed.
  - ☐ Please charge Deposit Account Number 50-1038.
  - ☐ Is deferred
7. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16-1.18 to Deposit Account Number 50-1038.
8. ☐ The priority of \_\_\_\_\_ application number \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- ☐ A certified copy has been filed in prior application number \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

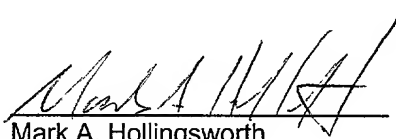
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to ADC Telecommunications, Inc. recorded at reel 9004 and frame 0198.
10. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventor named in the prior application. Please delete the following inventors named in the prior nonprovisional application.
11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement, and Form PTO 1449 are enclosed.
12. ☒ New Correspondence Address
13. ☒ Address all correspondence to Mark A. Hollingsworth.
14. ☐ A petition to extend the term in the prior application from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed. A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ for the above reference extension is enclosed.
15. ☐ Also enclosed:
16. ☒ A return postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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